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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF IAEA ISSUES AND FRENCH REACTOR SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA WITH NIGERIAN PERM REP HARRIMAN

1. NIGERIAN UN PERM REP AND CHAIRMAN OF UN APARTHEID COMMITTEE HARRIMAN MET AT HIS REQUEST WITH IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS IN DEPARTMENT ON SEPTEMBER 9. DEPUTY U.S. REP TO THE IAEA STONE ALSO ATTENDED MEETING. HARRIMAN WAS ACCOMPANIED BY UN CENTER AGAINST APARTHEID DIRECTOR E.S. REDDY. MAIN FOCUS OF DISCUSSION WAS UPCOMING IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE AND AFRICAN PLANS TO BLOCK FRENCH SALE OF NUCLEAR REACTORS TO SOUTH AFRICA ALTHOUGH SEVERAL AFRICAN ISSUES WERE ALSO BROUGHT UP (REPORTED SEPTEL). HARRIMAN AND REDDY MET WITH ACTING AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEELYE ON SEPTEMBER 10 PRIMARILY FOR DISCUSSION OF AFRICAN ISSUES (ALSO REPORTED SEPTEL).

2. HARRIMAN STATED THAT HE WAS NOT PERSONALLY GOING TO RIO FOR IAEA CONFERENCE. HE CITED LETTER HE HAD SENT EARLIER IN DAY IN BEHALF OF APARTHEID COMMITTEE TO SYG WALDHEIM REQUESTING SYG TO INTERVENE WITH IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL AND FRENCH TO BLOCK SALE OF FRENCH REACTORS TO SAG. HARRIMAN SAID THAT HIS COMMITTEE WAS MAINLY INTERESTED IN STOPPING THE FRENCH-SAG SALE AND

NOT IN DEPRIVING SOUTH AFRICA OF MEMBERSHIP IN IAEA. HARRIMAN WAS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT IAEA BOARD OF CONFIDENTIAL

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GOVERNORS COULD BLOCK SAFEGUARDS SINCE IAEA SAFEGUARDS WERE CONDITION OF FRENCH SALE OF REACTORS. LEWIS AND STONE POINTED OUT THAT THIS IMPRESSION WAS INCORRECT AND THAT FRENCH SALE WOULD PROBABLY GO AHEAD REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SAFEGUARDS WERE IMPOSED. IF IAEA SAFEGUARDS WERE NOT IMPOSED, FRENCH WERE MOST LIKELY TO IMPOSE THEIR OWN SAFEGUARDS. LEWIS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT PROPOSED IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT IS VERY STRONG AND EFFECTIVE.

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HARRIMAN SAID THAT HE AND HIS COMMITTEE WOULD STUDY THE MATTER FURTHER.

3. HARRIMAN ALSO SAID THAT THE AFRICANS WILL TRY TO HAVE SOUTH AFRICA REMOVED FROM ITS "DESIGNATED SEAT" ON THE IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS WHICH IT OCCUPIES AS THE "MOST ADVANCED" AFRICAN NATION IN NUCLEAR FIELD. HARRIMAN ADMITTED THAT SUCH A MOVE WAS PURELY POLITICAL SINCE SOUTH AFRICA WAS IN FACT THE MOST ADVANCED AFRICAN NATION. LEWIS AND STONE WARNED THAT INJECTING A PURELY POLITICAL ISSUE INTO THE IAEA WILL ONLY DILUTE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ORGANIZATION. SHOULD SOUTH AFRICA BE REMOVED FROM THE BOARD THEY MIGHT RENEGE ON THEIR OFFER TO DISCUSS PUTTING THEIR PROPOSED COMMERCIAL ENRICHMENT PLANT UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS. IN ADDITION, REMOVAL OF THE SAG FROM THE IAEA BOARD MIGHT SET BACK EFFORTS TO GET THE SOUTH AFRICANS TO SIGN THE NPT. HARRIMAN SAID THAT HIS COMMITTEE WOULD ALSO LOOK INTO THIS MATTER AGAIN.

4. IN ASIDE AFTER THE MEETING REDDY INDICATED TO DEPARTMENT OFFICER THAT NO ONE FROM THE APARTHEID COMMITTEE WAS PLANNING TO GO TO RIO AND THE EXACT STRATEGY TO BE FOLLOWED WOULD LIKELY BE DECIDED ON BY THE AFRICAN GROUP IN RIO.

5. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS OR INFORMATION FROM POSTS ON POSSIBLE AFRICAN/THIRD WORLD STRATEGY IN RIO. USUN SHOULD SEEK, IN PARTICULAR, TO DETERMINE ANY FURTHER ACTION CONTEMPLATED BY THE APARTHEID COMMITTEE IN LIGHT OF MEETINGS IN DEPARTMENT.

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